


# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 13, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 10/25/05)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** York County Comprehensive Plan Update – *Charting the Course to 2025*

By memorandum dated September 27<sup>th</sup>, I transmitted to the Board the draft updated Comprehensive Plan titled *Charting the Course to 2025*, as recommended and certified by the Planning Commission. That memorandum also included my recommendations for several adjustments to the draft. The Board conducted a work session on the draft Plan on October 11<sup>th</sup> and has determined that at least one additional work session will be necessary.

The Code of Virginia requires that the Board conduct a public hearing on the draft Plan before considering its adoption. The required public hearing has been scheduled for the October 25, 2005 meeting and a work session has been scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>. Undoubtedly, the Board will receive comments and concerns at the public hearing about specific provisions and recommendations in the proposed Plan. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board conduct the public hearing on October 25<sup>th</sup> and then continue it to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. This would allow any issues raised on October 25<sup>th</sup> to be discussed and tentatively resolved at the November 1<sup>st</sup> work session, and then provide an opportunity for further public comment on those tentative positions at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. In the event the Board can discuss and tentatively resolve all outstanding issues at the November 1<sup>st</sup> work session, adoption of the Plan could be scheduled for either the November 15<sup>th</sup> or December 6<sup>th</sup> meetings.

In terms of scheduling, I do need to point out that the State Code (Section 15.2-2226) requires that the Board of Supervisors “approve and adopt, amend and adopt, or disapprove” the recommended plan within 90 days of the date of the Planning Commission’s certification resolution. The Commission’s resolution was adopted on September 14<sup>th</sup>, which means that the 90-day time period will expire on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The State Code (Section 15.2-2227) also provides that when the plan is returned to the Commission for reconsideration, the Commission must resubmit it to the Board within 60 days. If these time constraints are not met, consideration of the draft Plan would need to start from the beginning again (i.e., public hearing by the Planning Commission, another certification resolution, another public hearing by the Board, etc.). Therefore, I recommend that no later than the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board either adopt the Plan (as amended by the Board) or return it to the Commission with an indication of the reasons for disapproval.

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